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TAGS: ENRG, IT

SUBJ: ITALIAN PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION TO ENERGY  
CONFERENCE

1. JANUARY 10 ITALIAN PRESS GIVES BROAD COVERAGE JANUARY 9 INVITATION BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO EIGHT OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES TO ENERGY CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 11 IN WASHINGTON. BULK OF REPORTING IS FACTUAL, WITH EDITORIAL TYPE COMMENTARY APPEARING ONLY IN ROME'S /MESSAGGERO/ AND /TEMPO/, AND MILAN'S /IL SOLE 24 ORE/. NONE OF REPORTS CONTAINS TEXTS OF EITHER OF PRESIDENTIAL  
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MESSAGES TO CONSUMING OR OPEC COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL REPORTS

NOTE INITIAL TWO POSITIVE REACTIONS ON PART OF GERMANS AND CANADIANS, IN NO CASE IS THERE ANY INDICATION OF REACTION FROM GOI CIRCLES.

2. MOST CRITICAL COMMENTARY APPEARS IN /MESSAGGERO/ WHICH NOTES THAT US INITIATIVE HAS MATURED IN AN ATMPSHERE UNPROFITIOUS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. ARTICLE ALLUDES TO SUSPICION OF COLLUSION BETWEEN USG AND INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES AS WELL AS DIRECT CONTACTS ALREADY UNDERWAY BETWEEN CERTAIN CONSUMER AND PRODUCER COUNTRIES. CONCLUDES THAT PROSPECTS ARE NEGATIVE FOR SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. /IL TEMPO/ COMMENTS THAT REAL POLITICAL MOTIVE OF US PROPOSAL IS TO FORESTALL AND CONTAIN UNILATERAL SOLUTIONS TO THE ENERGY PROBLEM, NOTING THAT RECENT FRENCH AGREEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA HAS COMPLICATED THE SEARCH FOR A COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS. SUGGESTS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MAY EXTEND HIS PRESENT MIDEAST MISSION TO SEVERAL EUROPEAN CAPITALS IN PREPARATION FOR WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

4. /IL SOLE 24 ORE/ CONTAINS MOST THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS TO DATE IN ARTICLE ENTITLED "AMERICA PLAYS THE BANKER." NOTING THAT EUROPE ONCE AGAIN HAS SHOWN ITSELF UNABLE TO INITIATE A BOLC TO BLOC NEGOTIATION WITH ARABS, ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT WASHINGTON INTENDS TO CLAIM A POLITICAL SUCCESS SUPERSEDING ANY DIPLOMATIC RESULTS, IN GATHERING TOGETHER THE WANDERING SHEEP OF EUROPE. COMMENTS THAT EUROPE WILL BE UNABLE TO RESIST THE TEMPTATION OF AVAILING ITSELF OF AMERICAN PRESTIGE WILL COST THE NINE SOMETHING WHEN DISCUSSIONS GET AROUND TO SUBJECT OF RELAUNCHING ATLANTIC UNITY. VOLPE

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